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### NOTES AND NEWS

*OENOTHERA BRACHYCARPA* GRAY IN TEXAS. Several collections of this rare and seldom observed *Oenothera* in the subgenus *Megapterium* have been made recently in north central Texas. Citations for these are as follows: breaks along north side of Brazos River, 6.5 miles south of Benjamin, Knox County, May 15, 1941, *Cory 37205* (in flower); Camp Barkeley, Taylor County, April 11, 1943, *Tolstead 6960* (in bud), in red clay soil at west side of camp, July 1, 1943, *Tolstead 7537* (in fruit).

In the description of the subgenus *Megapterium* (North American species of the subgenera *Lavauxia* and *Megapterium* of the genus *Oenothera*. Amer. Jour. Bot. 17: 363. 1930), Dr. Philip A. Munz states, "Seeds as in *Lavauxia*, but in one row in each cell of the capsule, and with corky tubercles." Examination of the capsules of the above cited fruiting specimen of *Oe. brachycarpa* shows the seeds to be arranged in two rows in the capsules as in the subgenus *Lavauxia*. This is also true for *Oe. Wrightii* (regarded as a variety of *Oe. brachycarpa* by some). *Oenothera missouriensis* and its relatives, also members of the subgenus *Megapterium*, do, however, have their seeds arranged in one row in the capsule. V. L. Corv, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The following two items were received too late for review in this issue of MADROÑO but mention is here made to call them to the attention of our readers. Under the title "The Citrus Industry" by H. J. Webber and L. D. Batchelor (University of California Press) an amazing lot of strictly botanical information is hidden. For instance, Chapter IV by Walter T. Swingle, contains 345 pages entitled "The Botany of Citrus" and comprises a taxonomic monograph of the Aurantioideae of the Rutaceae. Chapter VI deals with the general morphology, histology and physiology of the group and is under the authorship of E. T. Bartholomew and H. S. Reed. The second item is "The Flowering Plants and Ferns of Mount Diablo, California" by Mary L. Bowerman, published by the Gillick Press, Berkeley, California.